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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicant(s):** Atsushi Okawa, et al.**Examiner:** Unassigned**Serial No:** To be assigned**Art Unit:** Unassigned**Filed:** Herewith**Docket:** 14666**For:** OPTICAL SCANNING PROBE
SYSTEM**Date:** June 6, 2001Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the filing of the above-identified application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The laser light incident at the rear end of the optical fiber 6b is spread out and emitted such that the optical fiber tip 20 is the focal point, after which the light is condensed by the object lens 18 and transmitted through a cover glass 26, after which the focal point 21 is focused on the examination site.--

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